

I totally disagree with the filing # RM-10782. The removal of CW will not have a beneficial effect on the amateur operators ranks, nor will it be beneficial to the cause of Homeland Security. These two arguments have been over used, in my opinion, by the detractors of the CW requirement. I do believe the removal of CW will have a detrimental effect on the HF bands much the same way CB radio went after the required license was eliminated. I also believe that CW, although some consider it archaic, is the best "digital" and weak signal mode that could be used in a true national emergency. Unless the amateur bands are expanded, there will be a rush by the "no code" operators into an already crowded band spectrum. I do believe that although other "smaller populated" countries have eliminated the code requirement, it would cause an unnecessary load on the HF bands in our country.